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**Agenda Item 5: ATM Systems (Modernization, Seamless ATM, CNS, ATFM)**

**PROPOSAL FOR MODIFICATION OF NAME OF ATFM STEERING GROUP TO ATFM & A-CDM STEERING GROUP**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents a proposal to modify the name of the ATFM Steering Group (ATFM/SG) to ATFM and A-CDM Steering Group (ATFM & A-CDM/SG).

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The Air Traffic Flow Management Steering Group (ATFM/SG) was formed in 2011 to develop an *Asia/Pacific Regional ATFM Concept of Operations* (including principles and objectives), a Regional ATFM Framework which addresses ATFM implementation and ATFM operational issues in the Asia/Pacific Region, maintain an overview of CDM/ATFM programs being conducted within the Region, with a view to facilitating their coordination and recommend appropriate mechanisms for the on-going review of such programs.

1.2 ATFM/SG developed the *Asia/Pacific Regional ATFM Concept of Operations* in 2016 and *Asia/Pacific Regional Framework for Collaborative ATFM* in 2017. The Regional Framework document has been updated in 2022.

1.3 The ATFM/SG reports to ATM/SG.

1.4 The Asia/Pacific Airport Collaborative Decision Making Task Force (APA-CDM/TF) was formed in 2016 to identify, plan and assist in implementation of A-CDM at high density international aerodromes in Asia/Pacific Region (100,000 scheduled movements per annum or more), review the A-CDM implementation status and assist and promote implementation of interoperable A-CDM systems. The APA-CDM/TF reported to AOP/SG.

1.5 The APA-CDM/TF functioned from 2017 to 2020 and completed its objectives. TF developed the Asia/Pacific A-CDM Implementation Roadmap in 2020.

1.6 The AOP/SG via *Draft Decision AOP/SG/5-4* recommended for dissolution of the APA-CDM/TF and ongoing Asia/Pacific regional A-CDM work be conducted by ATFM/SG. Accordingly, ATM/SG/9 meeting in 2021 approved the *Draft Decision ATFM/SG/11-1: Revised ATFM/SG Terms of Reference to include the A-CDM tasks and objectives into the revised terms of reference (TOR) of ATFM/SG as shown in Attachment A*.

## 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Asia/Pacific ATFM/SG meets annually to review and discuss the progress of ATFM and A-CDM implementation programs across the region. The Steering Group encourages States and Administrations to nominate experts who have practical, recent operational experience and knowledge of ATFM, CDM, A-CDM, Airspace Operations Management and SWIM and associated information exchange for participating and contributing to the objectives of promoting ATFM and A-CDM implementation in the region.

2.2 It has been observed that the participation of experts from Airport Operations and A-CDM experience has not been encouraging in the ATFM/SG meetings.

2.3 To encourage participation of appropriate individuals with operational experience of Airport and A-CDM operations from States/Administrations, it is proposed to change the name of the ICAO Asia/Pacific ATFM Steering group (ATFM/SG) to ICAO Asia/Pacific ATFM and A-CDM Steering Group (ATFM & A-CDM/SG).

2.4 The meeting is invited to consider and approve the following Draft Decision:

**Draft Decision ATM/SG/13-X: Modification of Name of ATFM Steering Group (ATFM/SG) to ATFM and A-CDM Steering Group (ATFM & A-CDM/SG)**

That,

1. the name of the ICAO Asia/Pacific Air Traffic Flow Management Steering Group (ATFM/SG) changed to the ICAO Asia/Pacific Air Traffic Flow Management and Airport Collaborative Decision Making Steering Group (ATFM & A-CDM/SG); and
2. the Terms of Reference (TOR) be amended to reflect the Steering Group name change (**Appendix X to the Report**).

2.5 The proposal has been discussed among POCs of ATFM from States and Administrations and has full agreement.

## 3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) discuss and agree to **Draft Decision ATM/SG/13-X: Modification of Name of ATFM Steering Group (ATFM/SG) to ATFM and A-CDM Steering Group (ATFM & A-CDM/SG)**; and
- c) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

**Draft Decision ATM/SG/13-X: Modification of Name of ATFM Steering Group (ATFM/SG) to ATFM and A-CDM Steering Group (ATFM & A-CDM/SG)**

What:	That,	Expected impact:
1. the name of the ICAO Asia/Pacific Air Traffic Flow Management Steering Group (ATFM/SG) changed to the ICAO Asia/Pacific Air Traffic Flow Management and Airport Collaborative Decision Making Steering Group (ATFM & A-CDM/SG); and		<input type="checkbox"/> Political / Global <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-regional <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops/Technical

2. the Terms of Reference (TOR) be amended to reflect the Steering Group name change ( <b>Appendix X to the Report</b> ).	
Why: to encourage participation of appropriate individuals with operational experience of Airport and A-CDM operations from States and Administrations	Follow-up: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required from States
When: 29-Aug-25	Status: Draft to be adopted by Subgroup
Who: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub groups <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APAC States <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICAO APAC RO <input type="checkbox"/> ICAO HQ <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

## APPENDIX A

### Terms of Reference

#### **Air Traffic Flow Management and Airport Collaborative Decision Making Steering Group (ATFM & A-CDM/SG)**

1. Having considered relevant documents such as the *Manual on Collaborative Air Traffic Flow Management* (Doc 9971), regional air traffic data and the Asia/Pacific Region city pairs and associated airspace and ATS routes and aerodromes experiencing the most significant traffic demand, and noting the Asia/Pacific Seamless ANS Plan provisions for structural airspace capacity increasing measures, develop an Asia/Pacific Regional ATFM Framework which addresses ATFM implementation and ATFM operational issues in the Asia/Pacific Region;
2. Identify, research and recommend appropriate guidance regarding:
  - a. capacity assessment and adjustment mechanisms;
  - b. regular review for all aerodromes and ATC sectors where traffic demand is expected to reach capacity, or is resulting in traffic congestion;
  - c. mechanisms for ATFM and A-CDM data gathering, collation and sharing between States, International Organizations and ICAO, which may include;
    - i. capacity assessments, including factors affecting capacity such as special use airspace status, runway closures and weather information;
    - ii. traffic demand information which may include flight schedules, flight plan data, repetitive flight plan data as well as associated surveillance updates of flight status; and
    - iii. ATFM Daily Plan;
  - d. compliance by airspace and aerodrome users with ATFM and A-CDM measures; and
  - e. any other guidance relevant to the Regional ATFM Framework and Asia/Pacific A-CDM Implementation Plan.
3. Maintain an overview of CDM/ATFM and A-CDM programs being conducted within the Region, with a view to facilitating their coordination and alignment, and to promote;
  - a. harmonized procedures;
  - b. implementation of the performance expectations of the Regional ATFM Framework and Asia/Pacific A-CDM Implementation Plan; and
  - c. interoperability of A-CDM with ATFM;
4. Review the effectiveness of existing and planned ATFM and A-CDM programs in the Asia/Pacific Region, and make specific recommendations, including any adjacent airspace affecting the Asia/Pacific Regions, and research and recommend appropriate mechanisms for the on-going review of such programs;

**Appendix A**

5. The Group coordinates closely with other relevant bodies such as the Airport Operations and Planning Sub-Group (AOP SG), the Meteorological Requirements Working Group (MET/R WG) and System-Wide Information Management Task Force (SWIM TF).
6. The Group reports to the ATM Sub-Group (ATM/SG).

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